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#### **FEES**

Effective upon adoption of this policy the fee for a copy shall be \$.50 per page. For a certified copy of a public record the fee shall be \$1.00 for the first page and \$.50 for each subsequent page.

The fee for any copy that requires a transcription shall be at the Thompsonville Fire District's ("TFD") cost.

The fee for a copy of any record maintained on its computer storage system shall be TFD's cost as determined by such Section 1-212 (b) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The fee to copy a public record through the use of hand-held scanners shall be \$20.00 each time a copy is made.

#### **PRE-PAYMENT OF FEES**

The TFD requires the pre-payment of fees whenever the estimated cost of responding to a request \$10.00 or more. If a requestor owes an outstanding balance for fees under this policy, the TFD will require the full payment of such balance before it will provide the requestor with additional copies of any new public record request.

#### **FORM OF PAYMENT**

The TFD will accept payment by cash, check or money order.

#### **FEE WAIVER FOR INDIGENCY**

The Freedom of Information Act requires the TFD to waive the fees under this policy in certain circumstances, including the requestor's indigency. For purposes of this policy a requestor is indigent if:

- (1) the requestor receives public assistance, which includes: state-administered general assistance; temporary family assistance; aid to aged, blind and disabled; supplemental nutrition assistance; or supplement social security income; or
- (2) the requestor's household income is less than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the federal poverty guidelines established in the Federal Register each year by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

#### PROCEDURE FOR FEE WAIVER

A requestor seeking a fee waiver on the basis of indigency shall be required to supply the TFD with information and records necessary for the TFD Commission to determine that the requestor qualifies for a fee waiver based on the policy set forth above.

A requestor seeking a fee waiver on the basis of other than indigency shall describe the legal basis for the request and the circumstances supporting it.

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